



NOTICE

2023 Big Y Scholarship Application Portal will be
LIVE
November 1st, 2022

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1st, 2023
No Deadline Extensions

Applicant must use Big Y Scholarship Portal to apply

November 2022

Big Y Foods, Inc. is one of the largest locally owned supermarket chains in Southern New England. A family-owned and operated corporation, Big Y has represented excellence in the food industry since 1936.

Big Y is More than Food. In tribute to both its employees and its customers, Big Y offers an annual scholarship program. Established in 1981, the program includes a series of scholarships that honor the late Paul H. and Gerald E. D'Amour, brothers who founded Big Y in 1936.

Big Y awards over 300 scholarships each year totaling more than \$250,000. All Big Y scholarships recognize *academic merit and achievement*. They are awarded to the most academically outstanding students in the *Big Y market area*.

Enclosed, please find Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) and a poster.

Please visit the scholarship page of our website to access our scholarship portal to fill out application:
<https://www.bigy.com/community/scholarships>

A complete online application with required supporting documents must be submitted by **February 1st, 2023**.

Sincerely,

Big Y Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Committee
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Scholarship Committee contact information:**Email:** Scholarship@bigy.com**Phone:** (413) 504-4080**Apply:** <https://www.bigy.com/community/scholarships> to access scholarship application portal**Scholarship Application Timeline:**

- The online application is available from **Nov 1st – Feb 1st, 2023**
- Award and Non-Award notifications are emailed in May. (Note: Applicant may need to check their SPAM folder)
- Scholarship recipient names are posted on www.bigy.com in May

Who Is Eligible:

- Big Y scholarships are available to high school seniors, undergraduates, graduates, community college; and non-traditional (not traditional college age) students. Big Y customers and their dependents and Big Y employees and their dependents are eligible
- To be eligible, a student's permanent residence, or school, must be located in Massachusetts or Connecticut (All employees are eligible regardless of residence)

Prior Big Y scholarship award recipients are not eligible to reapply

How to Apply:

- Please visit our scholarship page on [Big Y's official website at www.bigy.com](http://www.bigy.com) (between Nov 1- Feb 1) and click the application link to access the scholarship application portal and to review the most up to date information
- **No deadline submission extensions**
- Complete online application with supporting documents must be submitted **by February 1st, 2023**

****Please Note:** You may find old paper applications uploaded onto the internet and on 3rd party sites. These are **not valid** and **will not be accepted**. Applicant **must apply** via our scholarship application portal.

Applicant Supporting Documents:

(All documents are reviewed by the scholarship committee to determine award recipients)

- **Academic transcripts** do not need to be official (digital copies – photos, PDFs, scans – must be legible to be accepted)
- **One Academic letter of recommendation** is required. Must be from a teacher or college professor. (High school seniors and college freshman can submit copies of letters written for college entrance)
- Recommendations letter(s) and transcripts can be uploaded by a 3rd party (Example: school personnel). Please follow instructions in the Big Y scholarship portal to request documents from your teacher, college/university professor, guidance counselor, etc. (Tip: Allow time for 3rd party submissions. Your application is considered incomplete without required supporting documents) and must be received by February 1st, 2023.
- If you did not take any **College Board exams** (such as SAT or ACT), or it has been more than 3 years since you took them, you can complete online application without them
- **Personal resume/fact sheet** detailing activities, achievements, awards, community involvement, leadership positions and class rank (if applicable)
- **Essay(s)** are required for some of the scholarship categories.

High School, College, University Representatives:

- Annually, scholarship information packets are mailed to schools within Massachusetts and Connecticut in early Fall
 - Please email scholarship@bigy.com to request your school be put on our mailing list or removed from the mailing list
- If you receive an email request from a student (via scholarship portal), you will be provided an email link(s) to upload one or more of the following: recommendation letter and/or transcript etc. The document(s) are uploaded to the specific student's application. The student will not see these documents and will only be viewed by the scholarship committee.
- We will accept unofficial transcripts
- Scholarship committee **will not** upload documents for applicants to scholarship portal. Please **do not** email or mail supporting documents to the scholarship committee.
- If you have any inventory of Big Y scholarship paper applications from previous years, **please discard**.
- All supporting document need to be uploaded to scholarship portal **by February 1st, 2023. No Deadline extensions.**